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SUBJECT: FINAL IRANIAN APPROVAL OF HELMAND WATERS TREATY WITH
AFGHANISTAN

REF: TEHRAN 4139

1. FORMER IRANIAN AMBASADOR TO KABUL AND CHIEF IRANIAN
NEGOTIATOR ON HELMAND WATERS TREATY, MAHMOUD FOROUGH, HAS TOLD
THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRS THAT SHAH SIGNED TREATY INTO LAW ON
AUGUST 1. EARLIER APPROVAL BY THE MAJLES AND SENATE RECEIVED
R.PROMINENT MEDIA COVERAGE IN TEHRAN BUT SHAH'S FINAL APPROVAL
HAS NOT SO FAR BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED.

2. COMMENT: SHAH'S FINAL APPROVAL OF LEGISLATION OF IMPORT-
ANCE OF HELMAND TREATY WITH AFGHANISTAN WOULD NORMALLY HAVE
BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED. FACT THAT ANNOUNCEMENT NOT MADE IN
THIS CASE PROBABLY RELATES TO RECENT COUP D'ETAT IN KABUL AND
COMING TO POWER OF PRESIDENT DAUD. IF LATTER OPPOSES TREATY
AS SOME ACCOUNTS SUGGEST, IRAN WOULD NOT WISH TO BE OUT IN
FRONT WHILE AFGHANISTAN IS HOLDING BACK. WILL BE RECALLED
THAT BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, IRANIAN APPROVAL WAS
TO AWAIT FINAL APPROVAL BY AFGHANISTAN. END COMMENT.

3. EMBASSY KABUL MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON PROSPECTS OF HELMAND
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TREATY RATIFICATION IN POS-COUP D'ETAT SITUATION.

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